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Basic survey method according to World Health Organization (WHO)

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In 2013, World Health Organization (WHO) released its fifth and latest manual guideline of basic survey method for oral health survey. Therefore aim of this paper is to socialized/inform the manual guideline to dentist. The manual not only provide reliable information on survey of oral health status and also on self-assessment regarding oral health and risk factors for dentist but also emphasizes Stepwise Approach of Surveillance (STEPS) that acquired both subjective data in the form of questionnaire and objective data such as clinical assessment and biochemical analysis. The manual is divided into three sections in and starts with detailed explanation on planning oral health surveys and insights on clinical examination on major oral conditions such as caries, periodontitis, and other oral mucosal lesions. assessment of oral health status comprises of the standard forms, standard codes, oral health assessment form, and clinical examinations such as dentition status, periodontal status in the form of Community Periodontal Index (CPI), loss of attachment, enamel fluorosis, etc., including steps to be taken when intervention urgency or emergency occurs. Since self-assessment of oral health and risks is an integral part of the STEPS, the second section discusses about oral health questionnaires from both patient's and surveyor's standpoint together with the importance of training and supervision of interviewers. The manual has specific questionnaire and the clinical examination guideline for both adults and children. The third section concludes with information on obtaining assistance from the WHO and on reporting of the survey.

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